















# VERDICT OF GUILTY IN YAUGER ROBBERY

**Jury Reached Agreement After Two Ballots at 5:45 This Morning.**

## GILLESPIE MURDER TRIAL IS ON

**Defendants Who Pled Guilty and Were Convicted Sentenced, Several of Them to Long Terms in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh.**

UNIONTOWN, March 28.—At 5:45 o'clock this morning the jury decided upon a verdict of guilty as indicted against John Abrams and John Stanley, charged with the robbery of Mr. and Mrs. William Yauger at their home in Yauger Hollow last December. The verdict was returned at the opening session of the court this morning. Benjamin Black of Smithfield, foreman of the jury, announced the verdict, and Attorney W. C. McKean asked that the verdict be polled separately the same as in a murder trial. Each juror answered "guilty," as his name was called.

Judge Van Swearingen then addressed the jury, thanking them for their services, telling them that although they had been put to an inconvenience by their long service it was a duty that must be performed. Telling them that they might secure their pay and go to their homes, he dismissed them.

Benjamin Black, the foreman then asked the court if he might be allowed to make a few remarks not in any manner connected with the case. He was permitted to do so. On behalf of the jury he stated he wished to thank the court for the kind, considerate and courteous treatment that had been shown the jury. Everything, he said, had been done for the jury's comfort and their wants supplied. The entire week upon which they have been engaged in the trial everything has been done to make it pleasant for them. Judge Van Swearingen acknowledged the compliment with a pleasant smile. The action of a jury thanking the judge is very unusual.

Attorney McKean announced that motion for a new trial would be immediately made with permission to file reasons in ten days in support of it. It is said that the jury only took two ballots in settling upon their verdict. When they retired it is said 10 were for conviction and two for acquittal. No more ballots were taken until 5:45 this morning.

The murder trial of Anthony Gillespie, charged with the murder of John Stevenson at Evanson on February 17, was resumed. The trial was started yesterday afternoon and a jury quickly secured. R. P. Kennedy is defending Gillespie, while the Commonwealth is being assisted by James R. Gray, who has been engaged in the prosecution by the family of the dead man. Attorney Gray, announced that a verdict of murder in the first degree would not be asked in the case, but that the Commonwealth would insist upon a second degree verdict. Gillespie became drunk at Evanson and visited the two hotels in Evanson. He was refused drink by the bartenders and was ejected from the Eureka House. Becoming angry, he secured a revolver and returned intent upon vengeance on the bartender. Some bricks were also thrown, but it has not been positively determined by whom. John Stevenson, better known as John Stevenson, came out of the door at this time and Gillespie shot him.

A number of witnesses were examined this morning, and the general impression gleaned was that Gillespie made a mistake in shooting at Stevenson, thinking that he was one of the bartenders.

The following sentences were imposed:

Henry Jones and William Johnston, burglary, six years to the penitentiary.

William Jones of Connelville, sodomy and buggery, five years to the penitentiary.

John Yanosh, fornication and bastardy, costs, \$20 lying in expenses, \$2.00 a week to mother for five years.

Harlem Shrivies, carrying concealed weapons, two cases, half the costs in each case, and assault and pointing fire arms, one year to the workhouse.

John and Albert Grey of Dunbar, malicious mischief in breaking out of the lockup, costs and sentenced to Huntington Reformatory.

John Russell, carrying concealed weapons, two cases, first case costs and to the workhouse; second case, workhouse one year.

Andrew Paul, desertion and non-support, costs and an order to pay \$3 a week to his wife for a year, or one year to jail.

Andy Orris, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 fine and costs, or nine months to the workhouse.

Ed. Griffin, larceny, costs and 30 days to jail.

Elmer Yonakin of Connelville, who entered a plea of guilty to malicious mischief, was called but was not sentenced today.

Henry Jackson, surety of the peace, half the costs.

court opened this morning, with both Judges Umble and Van Swearingen on the bench. Preliminary to taking up the regular court routine, a number of orders were handed down, after which Judge Umble took up the case of Reagan & Reagan against the Struthers Coal & Coke Company in No. 2 court. Another jury was given a trip shortly after the case was taken up. The jury had only been selected and were in their places when, at the request of the attorneys for both sides, the court granted leave for the jury to go to Fairbanks where the works are located to view the situation for themselves.

This is an action to recover \$5,500 alleged to be due on a contract for \$65,000 for building a coke plant. The defendants claim that they agreed to pay the contract price upon the completion and the acceptance of the work, but that work to the amount involved in the dispute was not satisfactorily done according to the agreement, hence the retention of the amount. This concluded Judge Umble's session of court, and it adjourned until the return of the jury, when the case will be resumed.

Preparations were made to take up the case of John M. Deffenbaugh against Stephen Svach, an assumpsit case where in a small balance on contract is claimed, but by the request of both attorneys for the litigants the case was continued until tomorrow. It was impossible to get another case up for trial and Judge Van Swearingen's court adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Court hours this week were announced as being from 9 o'clock until 2 o'clock.

In the case of George G. Marshall against D. C. Foltz, exceptions to facts and conclusions of law resulting from a hearing in chambers were overruled by Judge Umble.

Ulysses Grant Savage, convicted of absconding from a board bill at the Hotel Wyman, was refused a new trial.

A divorce was granted Sarah C. McElhenny from her husband, Andrew J. McElhenny. The parties are from Connelville.

Anna Derringsfield was granted a divorce from her husband, Lewis Derringsfield. The parties reside at Brownsville and are prominent. The case has been in the courts for some time.

A motion was ordered filed for the appointment of Jesse Knox of Washington township, to succeed William Lindy as Road Supervisor.

George B. Kefover, solicitor, presented a petition to establish a grade crossing at Dunbar street, Uniontown, to be crossed by the Pennsylvania tracks.

A new trial was refused Eliza Sidelbottom, Connelville, in a suit brought by S. M. James for the recovery of \$128.92 for surveying certain properties. The jury awarded James \$58.92.

A motion was overruled in the case of R. D. Warner, administrator of the estate of Caleb Woodward, and judgment was to be entered in favor of Lucy J. Keighley, on payment of jury fees. Warner claimed that certain property in Redstone township which was sold off in lots, had not a clear title and was the property of the deceased.

An affidavit to continue the case of C. H. Hahn against George B. Kefover was filed this morning. It was alleged in the paper that a material witness was absent and could not attend a hearing this week. The case is one involving the validity of a contract.

Roy Crawford of Pittsburgh was sentenced to pay \$50 lying in expenses and \$2.00 a week for five years, and furnish a \$200 bond on a paternity charge.

UNIONTOWN, March 24.—Before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen this morning the case of John M. Deffenbaugh against Stephen Svach, wherein the plaintiff sought to recover \$600 due on a contract for the erection of a \$1,900 house at Masontown was heard.

The case was very brief, the plaintiff stating that the contract price was \$1,900 and that \$1,300 of the amount had been paid. After deliberating for about 15 minutes the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$614, which included his interest.

In the case of T. A. Jeffries, administrator, against Mary Meisel, a nonsuit was entered on the ground that the prosecutor failed to appear in court.

A statement of claim has been filed by Attorney Leslie A. Howard on behalf of Mariah Meyer of Masontown, who sues the Consolidated Coke Company for \$25,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that on March 5, 1908, her husband was employed by the defendant company, that he stepped upon the shaft elevator and that through negligence the shaft elevator was suddenly dropped to the bottom of the shaft and that her husband was killed. She has two children, who, by reason of the accident, have been deprived of their father's support and care.

Before Judge Umble the morning was taken up in arguing points of law on contracts in the case of Reagan & Reagan against the Struthers Coal Company. The jury went to the Fairbanks yesterday to view the coke plant but did not return until nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon. This is an action to recover \$5,500 alleged to be due on a contract for the erection of a coke plant.

An action in assumpsit was entered this morning by Attorney L. G. Chorpoining on behalf of Furstenberg Brothers against J. C. Higginbotham of Brownsville. This is an action to recover \$229.75 with interest for a car load of timber, which was delivered to the plaintiff at Brownsville. The quality and price of the lumber are points in dispute.

Point Marion's Finances.

The borough audit of Point Marion shows receipts for the past year of \$10,541 and expenditures amounting to \$9,316.

# GRAPE ALLEY BLAZE.

**Home of Mrs. Lizzie Graham Takes Fire From Defective Flue.**

## FIRE WHISTLE DOES NOT BLOW

**But Central Fire Station Gets the Signal and the Fire Laddies Soon Have the Blaze Under Control.**

Fire Monday morning at 1:36 o'clock partly destroyed a frame house owned by A. B. Morton and occupied by Mrs. Lizzie Graham, in the private alley opposite the Adams woolenale house, just off Grape alley.

A terra cotta pipe running through the roof caused the blaze. Mrs. Adams' usual custom was to cover the kitchen fire before retiring, and when she returned home from church last evening she did so, supposing that it would smolder until morning. It burned up, however, during the night, and the terra cotta pipe became so hot that the ceiling, which was constructed of wood, and the roof of the kitchen ignited.

Mrs. Graham slept down stairs and her 14 year old son in an up stairs room. She was awakened by the fumes of burning wood and, running up stairs, awakened the boy. The house was filled with smoke. He ran to the alarm box, but was unable to turn in the alarm. Officer George Heitzel turned in the alarm, but owing to the repairs being made to the whistle, it did not sound. The alarm was noted at the central department and it turned out promptly.

The blaze was quickly extinguished, but considerable damage was done by the water. Mrs. Graham lost the greater part of her wearing apparel, by the water that was thrown into the building. The loss to the building is estimated at \$200.

## DANGEROUS FIRE

**Threatens Uniontown and Does Damage to the Amount of \$27,000.**

UNIONTOWN, March 23.—A fire which originated from an unknown cause in the feed store of King Brothers on South street Saturday night threatened the town, and only the good work of the firemen saved the whole block.

Three alarms were sent in and every foot of hose in the town was brought into play, following the discovery of D. J. King, one of the proprietors. The structure was a three-story frame, and the fire made rapid progress in the hay and feed. A great crowd of several thousand spectators gathered as soon as the firemen and the police had difficulty in keeping them back. The water pressure was strong, and while standing one stream on Church street, the hose burst, but was quickly replaced. The fire broke out at 9:45, and the ruins were still smoldering Sunday morning, flames having broken out a second time after they were once thought to be subdued.

Many wires in front of the burning building had to be cut, and many phones were cut out of the circuit. At times the firemen were compelled to work in intense heat. After half an hour's work it was seen that the fire could be kept within the feed store, with the slight lines of hose playing upon it, but it raged furiously, the building for two hours afterwards.

The estimated losses in the fire are as follows: King Brothers feed store, \$15,000 loss on stock and \$5,000 loss on building; Fayette Title & Trust Company building, damaged by intense heat and all windows in rear broken, \$500; Bell Telephone Company, from burned wires and cables, \$1,500; stable of G. S. Marsh, loss between \$500 and \$800. Other minor losses by houses in the vicinity sustained from broken windows and scorched woodwork will bring the total to about \$27,000.

SUGAR WATER FLOWS.

Recent Frosts Turn Out 300 Barrels Daily in Somerset.

CONFLUENCE, March 24.—The sugar water crop is supposed to be about over by the time March arrives, but the last three or four frosts have checked the lads and induced the sweet sap to flow more copiously than ever.

Some of the camps in this vicinity are now producing sap at the rate of 500 barrels a day. When boiled down this practically represents about 300 gallons of the finished product, in syrup. A large quantity of the syrup is now turned into sugar and fancy cakes for consumption by the sweet tooth of the country.

Many Delegates Present.

One hundred and fifty delegates attended the convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church at Greensburg Saturday.

Boy Shoots Friend.

Grant Moore, aged 19 years, was probably fatally shot with a Robert rifle Saturday at Storetown by his friend, Leroy Kirkbelle, aged 17.

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# WESTMORELAND COURTS.

All the Judges on the Bench for Saturday's Session.

GREENSBURG, March 23.—All of Westmoreland county's judges were on the bench Saturday morning. Judges Doty and McConnell for the purpose of hearing desertion and non-support cases, surety of the peace and juvenile court cases, and Judge Steele for the purpose of hearing arguments in the Orphans' Court.

In the juvenile court before Judge McConnell, Louis Gilmore, a 15 year old girl of Jeannette, was tried on a charge of incorrigibility, protected by her mother, Mrs. A. M. Forrest. It seems that she mailed up the doors in her house, keeping her mother out all night, and would smash the furniture and use the vilest language.

The other juvenile cases set for trial at this session are Frank and John Dagholski, charged by Lillian A'Assinger with larceny; C. G. Lind and C. R. Borsford, charged by J. H. Delemple with breaking and entering; Philip Stophel, charged by S. E. Hartman with larceny; Frank Smith and Queen Forschano, charged by Barton Smetzer with larceny, and Larry Huffman and John Lukas, charged by J. C. Laughrey with breaking and entering.

The following husbands were charged with desertion and non-support by their wives: Logan Shirey, John Mullen, Albert W. Henselitz, Alvey Holmes, W. E. Croushore, Henry Wenzler, Homer R. Miller, H. L. Shaw and Sanford Patterson.

On the surety list the following are on trial: Samuel Loughner, J. C. Wallace, prosecutor; Samuel Taylor, Mary Lawson, prosecutor; John Malone, Mrs. Sarah Shank, prosecutor; Mrs. H. M. Shaw, H. L. Shaw, prosecutor; Philip Edmiller, Dr. J. W. Rugh, prosecutor; John Jones, Mary Connolly, prosecutor; Petro Diprenio, Joe Constantho, prosecutor; Joseph Hermann, Anna Hermann, prosecutor, and John H. Wolff, W. C. Gardner, prosecutor.

Judge Steel heard the arguments of counsel interested in the estate of A. Overholt, late of Mt. Pleasant township, deceased.

## NEW ELKS' OFFICERS

Chosen at Annual Meeting for That Purpose Held Monday Evening.

New officers for Connelville Lodge No. 50, E. P. O. E. were elected at the annual meeting for that purpose held Monday night. The following are the new officers: Exalted Ruler, James B. Millard; Esteemed Leading Knight, P. H. Pendleton; Esteemed Royal Knight, Raymond Ryan; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Fred Harman; Secretary, O. R. Carpenter; Treasurer, Howard Robbins; Trustee, J. D. Judigan; Delegate to Grand Lodge, George B. Snyder; Alternate, S. B. Slicksmith; Tyler, W. E. Debolt. A class of five new members were initiated.

Next Saturday matinee and night the Elks will repeat their minstrel performance for the benefit of charity in Connelville, New Haven and vicinity. Practically a new show, so far as the songs and other features are concerned, will be put on. Previous rehearsals have been held and the show promises on a whole to be better than it was when given a few weeks ago. A rehearsal is to be held in Pritchard's hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

## EXTENDING ROAD.

West Penn Tracks Have Now Reached Merrittstown.

The West Penn is slowly creeping toward Brownsville, and it seems to be an assured conclusion that the road will enter Brownsville by July 4th. The company has completed the road to Merrittstown but the cars are only running to Orient. The power service in that neighborhood is not sufficient to operate the cars so that point yet, but it will be only a matter of a short time until the road is opened up there.

## CAPTAIN JACOBS INJURED.

Falls from a Second Story Window While Delirious from Sickness.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., March 24.—Captain Adam Jacobs, the widely known riverman, fell from a window in the second story of his home here Sunday morning, but escaped serious injury as far as his physician is able to tell at this time.

Captain Jacobs has been seriously ill, and was under the care of a nurse, who fell asleep. The sick man, in his delirium, got up from his bed, went to the window and tumbled out.

## "AUNT AMY" DIES.

Mrs. Chas. Tissue of West Confluence Had Large Circle of Friends.

CONFLUENCE, Pa., March 24.—Mrs. Charles Tissue, one of the oldest citizens of West Confluence, died at her home yesterday morning. She was known as "Aunt Amy," and her circle of friends included almost every inhabitant on both sides of the river. Up till a short time ago she had enjoyed excellent health.

The date for the funeral has not been set. The interment will probably be made here in the home she knew so long.

## Work Started.

The work of changing the doors of the different school buildings has been started. The doors of the Fourth ward building are now hung so as to swing outward.

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# BEAR RUN.

BEAR RUN, March 23.—A surprise party was held at the home of Levi Tissue last Thursday evening for Ethel Tissue. Those present were: Helena Mitchell of Ohio; Mabel and Jessie Tissue, Myrtle Bailey, Susan Lowery, Joseph Friend, Harry J. Connelville, Guy Hamilton, Pittsburgh Samuel Shipley, Mill Run; James P. Selvester and Geo. F. Skinner, Jr., C. R. and Ray Friend, Donald Woodman, Jacob Sull, Clarence Bailey, John Clyde and Bert Lowery, Rose Tissue and E. B. Johnson. An enjoyable time was had by all present. Each here took a delicious luncheon was served after the guests departed for their homes.

Miss Mabel Tissue, who is employed at Pittsburgh, was visiting her parents last week for a few days.

Samuel Shipley moved to Indian Creek Wednesday.

Larry Joy of Connelville was calling on friends here last week.

Miss Edna M. Smith were shopping at Connelville Saturday.

Donald Woodman was laid up with his rumps, but is now able to be about again.

Guy Hamilton of Pittsburgh has been visiting his brother Elmer for some time. Elmer is now in the city and was busy called at Ohio Tuesday.

Miss Susan Lowery was shopping at Ohio Tuesday.

Miss Susan was a business caller at Ohio Tuesday.

Evans Road, of Ohio, was calling on friends here last Tuesday.

Miss Verda Hart of Connelville was visiting friends and relatives here last week.

Donald Woodman, Joseph Johnson, Harry and Wesley Hall were business callers at Connelville Saturday.

Mrs. Goldie H. Stewart and her daughter were visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Shaw, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Thomas of Drakestown was in town Saturday.

Angus Shickel, Sr., of Mill Run was a business caller here last week.

Z. S. Moon of Connelville was calling on friends here last week.

Miss Anna Welsh of Mill Run was the guest of Mrs. Stephen Huggs Saturday and Sunday.

Geo. E. Schuman, Lewis McFarland and Friend Sullivan came business callers at Connelville Saturday.

C. H. Friend was a business caller at Shawcross Saturday.

W. E. Schuman is having a new road put on his place and other improvements.

Miss Susan Lowery was visiting her friends here last week.

## SALTICK.

SALTICK, March 23.—Indian creek has a high, overflowing bank. The outlook for a good sugar crop is not very bright.

Samers in a some playing down but the wet weather has put them back.

Samuel H. H. has been the old dog will on track, ever since the widow and sons of David Davis, deceased, and is daily installed in the morning house.

W. M. C. Hunter has the bills up for a sale of his personal property April 2. He is looking for selling his house and lot on the corner of the block.

The doctor's move may be very much regretted by the people at the surrounding country.

John K. Shuman has been ill for several weeks, but is on the mend.

The Road Supervisors have arranged for the present year, electing Alfred Ritzner, chairman, D. W. C. Dumbauld, Secretary, and Lawrence Y. K. as Treasurer. David M. Foster is the new member.

John S. Shuman has all the lumber on the ground for a new barn to take the place of the one burned by lightning last summer. H. S. Shuman, the carpenter, will build it.

The Road Supervisors have appointed the following Road Masters: John M. Ritzner, William C. G. S. Miller, Jacob H. Adams, W. S. Samner and John H. Grace.

H. S. Shuman had a sale of his personal property and his goods sold quite well. A horse went at \$150. Lottie Patch of Rockburg, Westmoreland county, was the auctioneer. Mr. Shuman also sold some of his cleared land with Samuel T. Pritts for timber land, whereby Mr. Pritts comes into the house occupied by Shuman.

H. E. Pritchard is doing duty as a juror at the County Seat this week.

## FAYETTE COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded, Marriage Licenses and County Expenditures.

C. J. McConnell and wife to W. W. Sauters, lot in South Union township, \$100, March 17, 1908.

Charles W. Rush to John Rush, lot in Connelville township, \$800, September 20, 1902.

John S. Steyer to Isabella Steyer, 170 acres in Springfield township, \$1,000, February 25, 1908.

Sarah E. W. Wiles and wife to Harry T. Tupper, lot on Evans street, Section 9, Uniontown, \$1,000, March 21, 1908.

Thilo M. Goodwin and others to A. Plummer Austin and others, 33 acres in Georges township, in execution of provisions of the will of James Sheard, March 9, 1908.

Chas. T. Glamer and wife to Nicola Vancare, lot in Union Union township, \$300, March 17, 1908.

William Sauters and wife to Dargle Lusk and wife, lot in South Union township, \$500, March 17, 1908.

Rube Bufano to John E. Jones, lot in Bullock township, \$100, January 27, 1908.

James C. H. H. and wife and Thilo M. Goodwin to W. E. Steyer, lot in Connelville, \$1,000, March 17, 1908.

John W. Burd to Ida R. Burd, lot in Brownsville, \$500, March 16, 1908.

Charles S. Spiker and wife to Jacob King, for 17 acres in Wharton township, \$800, March 16, 1908.

Monongahela Valley Land Company to F. C. S. H. and wife, for two lots in West Masontown, \$900, October 20, 1904.

Christian C. Sterling and others trustees to James A. Prineas, for 20 acres in German township, \$2,000, June 15, 1903.

Bruce F. Sterling and wife to James A. Prineas, for 10 acres in German township, \$1,000, June 15, 1903.

William Lambie and others to Rosemaus Pyle, lot in Connelville township, \$100, April 2, 1908.

Daniel H. Pershing's heirs to Stewart M. Pershing, for eight acres in Dunbar township, \$1,200, December 9, 1905.

Daniel H. Pershing's heirs to Stewart M. Pershing, for tract in Bullock township, \$1,200, December 31, 1907.

Charles S. Hensel and others to Ora O. Dunn, lot in New Salem, \$1,200, February 8, 1908.

Marj B. Newman and others to W. E. Schuman and others, for two lots in Connelville, \$1,500, February 5, 1908.

Oliver P. Markle and wife and J. Frank and wife to J. J. Rist, lot on

Cleveland avenue, Second Ward, Uniontown, \$1,500, March 8, 1908.

W. M. Conaway and wife to J. J. Rist, lot on Main street, Fourth Ward, Uniontown, \$2,000, March 28, 1907.

Sarah Murray to J. J. Rist, lot at Cleveland avenue and Main street, Uniontown, \$1,000, January 25, 1906.

P. A. Johns, Sheriff, to E. D. Brown, plot in German township, \$800, March 1, 1908.

P. A. Johns, Sheriff, to M. S. Sangston, plot in Nicholson township, \$675, March 3, 1908.

P. A. Johns, Sheriff, to J. W. Ellis, lot in North Union township, \$180, March 4, 1908.

P. A. Johns, Sheriff, to Yough National Bank of Connelville, lot in Connelville, \$2,000, March 3, 1908.

Chas. H. Platter and wife to David Williams, 127 acres in Stewart and Dunbar townships, \$1,000, March 12, 1908.

Martin Jacobs and others to George V. Morris and others, lot in Brownsville, \$200, December 13, 1906.

W. J. Ward and wife to Frank W. Gehr, 81 acres in Jefferson township, \$200



**PETER E SHEPPARD, Clerk**

## A FEDERAL PROBE IN MINE ACCIDENTS.

Senator Knox Suggests Such  
Action for States as Well  
as Territories

### COVERING RECENT DISASTERS.

Amendment to Senator Hemmenway's  
Bill it is Thought Will Pass, Buy in  
Interest of All the Mine Operators.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Senator Knox wants to have a thorough investigation made by the Federal Government into mining accidents and their causes and when the proper point is reached in the consideration of the legislative bill he will move to amend that measure so as to secure the investigation be now seeks.

The bill now contains an appropriation of \$195,000 to make an investigation of mining accidents, but it applies to the territories only. This would be of comparatively little benefit in Senator Knox' view, and the amendment he proposes to offer will extend the scope of the investigation to all the States. He will address the Senate on the subject at some length and there is little doubt but that his amendment will be adopted.

The present provision in the legislative bill was inserted at the request of Senator Hemmenway of Indiana. He restricted the scope of the investigation to the territories with the idea that it was not proper for the Federal authorities to extend their investigation within State lines in the general interest of the whole people of the country.

### OBJECT TO ASSESSMENT.

Coal Companies File Bills in Equity  
at Greensburg.

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 20.—In equity court here twelve coal companies have filed bills to restrain tax collectors from collecting taxes assessed in the triennial assessment of 1907, which they claim is unjust. The Act of Assembly requires that township supervisors levy tax for road purposes before the first day of March each year, but the triennial assessment was not adjusted before that date by the County Commissioners in 1907.

The assessors have made their returns but the assessments were not finally fixed until late in the summer. The coal companies have tendered payment of their taxes under the 1906 valuation, but the collectors refuse such payment, and have threatened to levy upon and sell the plants and properties for the taxes as fixed in the triennial assessment. The first suit to come up is that of the H. C. Frick Coke Company vs. J. A. Porch and the township of Mt. Pleasant.

### HURRYING STEEL WORKS.

Carnegie Company Pushing Huge New  
Plant at Youngstown.

The Carnegie Steel Company has pushed with much vigor the construction work on the new open hearth steel works in Youngstown, where more than \$1,000,000 is being invested in this great plant.

The new works consist of 13 open hearth furnaces of a rated capacity of 60 tons per heat and with every modern device for economical handling. The concrete foundations and the handling machinery are of immense size. The force of laborers and construction men has been pushed hard to hasten the new plant, and it is hoped to have it in operation by fall.

Reports from several small independent steel plants are that work has increased rapidly. The Allegheny Steel Company at Tarentum has posted notices that after today the mills will be run in full, with short turns, and giving all employees steady work.

### MINE FOREMAN ARRESTED

For Alleged Violation of the Law at  
the Central Works.

John Lowry was arrested Thursday at Central works by Constable Paul Feigheimer of Greensburg on a warrant issued from the office of Squire Beatty, charging him with violation of the mining laws. Mine Inspector Alex. McCann is the prosecutor in the case.

It is alleged that Lowry, who is a mine foreman at the above named works, on Tuesday neglected his duty by allowing men to work in a part of the mine that was dangerous. It is alleged that he has been guilty of the same offense at various times in the past several years.

### GOOD REPORT ON MINE.

Mine Inspectors Find Favorable Con-  
ditions at Lafayette.

Mine Inspectors Williams, Lowther and Blower made a reinspection of the Lafayette works of the Atlas Coke Company Tuesday, furnishing the mine with an excellent report as to the general conditions of the drainage, ventilation, etc.

This is the mine that these inspectors made an adverse report on several weeks ago. After the inspection Tuesday, however, they stated that the mine was in as good condition as any mine that was under their supervision.

### MINING CLASS

Of Local Y. M. C. A. Hold Their  
First Meeting.

The Mining Class of the Y. M. C. A. Educational Department held their first annual reception in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Friday night. The function was attended by 67 men, officials and miners of the immediate district. The object of this meeting was to give the miners an opportunity to become better acquainted and that they might discuss the problems that daily confront them.

Dr. Gallagher of New Haven conducted the meeting, and after a short literary and musical program, he called upon Mr. B. F. Jones, General Superintendent of the Westmoreland Coal Company, and President of the Mining Institute of America. Mr. Jones made a strong address along mining lines. Dr. Gallagher then called upon C. L. Fay of Greensburg, State Secretary of the Bituminous Department, who, after a discussion of mining problems, launched the project of a permanent organization of this district. This organization, he said, should meet once each month to discuss problems of interest and to study. Dr. Gallagher appointed a committee to look into the matter and form plans for the organization.

This committee consists of Messrs. Charles B. Franks, John Greaves, D. P. Brown, John Malloy and Ernest Martin. Mr. Franks as chairman of this committee gave a strong talk on the relation of the employer and the employee. Refreshments were served before the departure of the guests to their homes.

### A BIG MORTGAGE

Filed at Washington, Pa., for New  
Greene Railroad.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 21.—The Pennsylvania, Monongahela & Southern Railroad Company filed a mortgage yesterday with the Recorder in the sum of \$1,000,000 in favor of the Girard Trust Company, trustees. The mortgage is given as security for 4 per cent. gold bonds, and is dated January 1, 1908.

The Pittsburg, Monongahela & Southern road was recently completed to this county, extending from West Brownsville up the Monongahela river to Rice's Landing. The road was constructed at a very heavy cost, as considerable grading had to be done, property purchased and bridges erected.

It was the first standard gauge road to be built into Greene county. The papers were also filed in the office of the Greene county Recorder.

### MINER KILLED.

William Lundy Loses His Life on the  
Tracks at Bellevernon.

William Lundy, a miner, was killed by a northbound train on the P. & E. tracks at Bellevernon Thursday night. The body was removed to Reppert's undertaking rooms and prepared for burial.

Lundy lived at Fayette City and had been in Bellevernon in the evening. He started home at 11 o'clock. His body was discovered at 3 o'clock on Friday morning by a policeman. The dead man was 30 years old and had a wife and family. He had been employed at Shire Oaks, and was staying at home for a few days to visit his people. He was well known to many people along the Monongahela.

### COKE MEN MEET.

Little Change Noted in the Coke Trade  
Since Last Gathering.

UNIONTOWN, March 19.—The Independent Coke Producers' Association met yesterday afternoon with President O. W. Kennedy presiding. Very little business was transacted. The coke men exchanged ideas on the coke trade and the situation was found to be about the same as at their former meeting. The demand for coke has not increased and about 50 per cent. of the ovens are being operated.

### STOUT IMPROVES.

Wounded State Policeman, However,  
Is Still Confined to Hospital.

Sergeant Paul D. Stout, State Constable, formerly in charge of the detail in this town, and who was shot while in the discharge of his duty at the Republic works, is still in the Uniontown hospital, but his condition is steadily improving. The X-ray will be used on him to note the location of the bullet lodged in his head.

Frick Contracts. Contracts for the erection of two compressor houses for the H. C. Frick Coke Company have been let to the Connelville Construction Company. One of these is to be at the Phillips mine in North Union township and the other at the Colliery mine in Georges township.

These houses are to be of brick and work is to be started at once.

### Prosecuting in Somerset.

Thomas S. Lowther of Somerset, mine inspector, has brought a criminal suit against William Malcolm, mine foreman for the Merchants Coal Company, operating at Roswell, alleging violations of the mining laws.

### Ground to Fragments.

Thomas Rec, a Polish lad was ground to death in a coal crusher at the plant of the Cambria Steel Company at Conemaugh on Friday.

### Ovens Fired Up.

The Puritan Coke Company is firing up 84 ovens at its plant near Leckrone.

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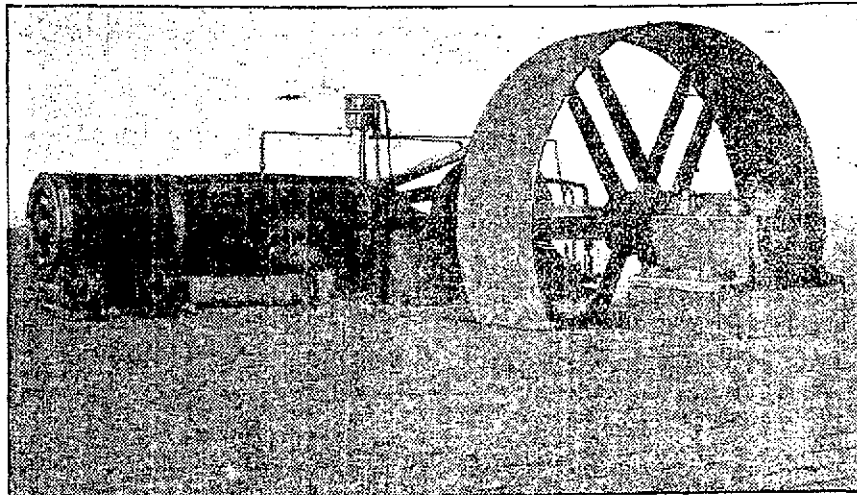
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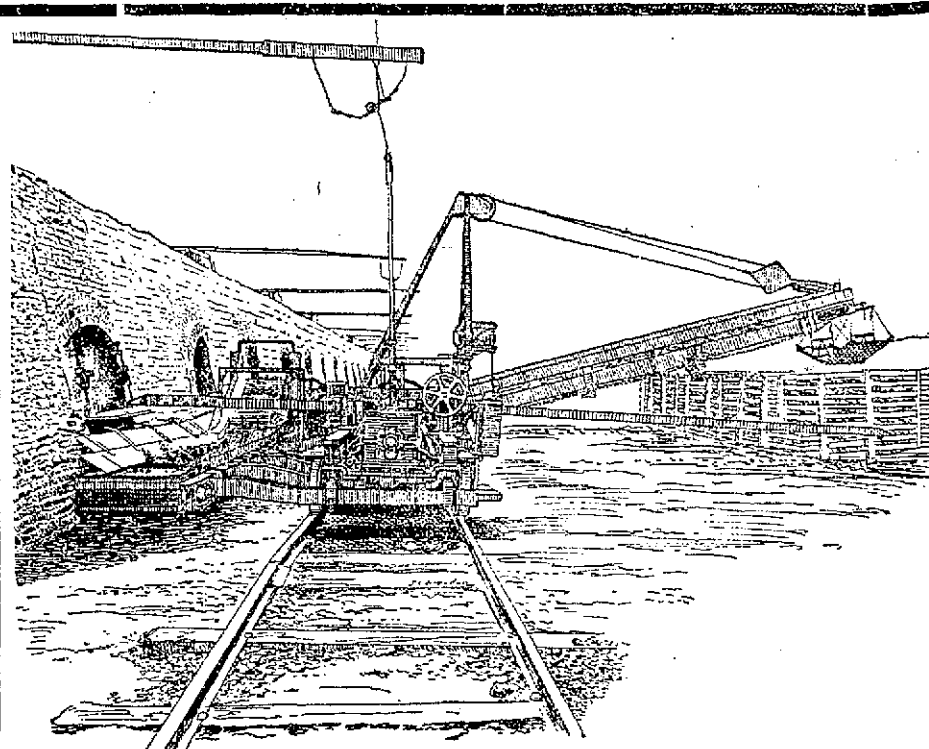
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